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INDIGENOUS PRODUCTION OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up new defence production units in the country to minimize dependence on arms manufactured by foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the efforts being made by the Government in this regard;

(d) the details of new production units proposed in the Eleventh Plan; and

(e) the role of private sector and details of plans to produce equipment?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) Government proposes to set up two new defence production units of which one is for the production of Bi-Modular Charge System (BMCS), and the other is for production of new generation carbines.

(b) to (d): The project for production of BMCS at Nalanda has already been approved by the Government. The revision in project cost is now pending approval. The unit for production of new generation carbines is under consideration of the Government.

(e) Private sector companies can obtain industrial licence for production of arms and ammunition and set up manufacturing facilities.